(b) A notice demanding payment of Rs. 76.26 lakhs has been issued to NAFED.

(c) Normally Bombay Port Trust would not detain any import or export cargo of a party on account of earlier outstandings.

High infant mortality leads to non-adoption of family planning norms

916. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that one of the main reasons for high birth rate in the country and non-adoption of family planning norms in the country is high infant mortality;

(b) if so, what is the death rate per thousand of children in different States of the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) High infant mortality rate may be one of the factors for poor acceptance of family planning and resultant high birth rate.

(b) The latest estimate of infant mortality rate i.e. infant death per 100 live births from S.R.S. of Registrar General of India for India and major States for 1986 (provisional), is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The steps taken by Government of India to reduce infant mortality include improvement of health infrastructure, training of health man-power health education, adoption of "risk approach", universal immunisation of children, oral rehydration therapy in diarrhoeal diseases, promotion of breast feeding and proper weaning practices, prophylaxis against nutritional anaemia and supplementary untrition under the I.C.D.S.

Statement

Estimated Infant Mortality Rate 1988 (Provisional)

State	Infant deaths per 1000 live birth
Andhra Pradesh	84
Assam	109
Bihar	99
Gujarat	107
Haryana	85
Himachal Pradesh	88
Jammu & Kashmir	81
Karnataka	74
Kerala	27
Madhya Pradesh	117
Maharashtra	63
Orissa	123
Punjab	67
Rajasthan	104
Tamil Nadu	66
Uttar Pradesh	132
West Bengal	71
India	96

Regional committees for Indian Airlines

917. SHRI PRAMAD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of members of different regional committees for Indian Airlines;

(b) whether it is a fact that the members of such regional committees are only from major cities;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for such an imbalance and the steps Government propose to take to remove it; and